

has proved prejudicial to the interests of many raiyats and will also cause loss to Government by much land being thrown up. A revision of the rates is therefore requested.

*Dewan's reply.*—The rates have been fixed after careful classification of the lands and consideration of the nature of the irrigation commanded by them and of other local circumstances. The effect of the settlement will be watched with interest.

**Subject No. 216.**

Octroi on piece goods should be levied in villages also.

*Summary of discussion.*—Octroi duty is levied on piece goods in Municipal towns, while cloths sold in the outlying villages of Taluks are exempt from duty. This exemption causes loss to the Municipalities concerned. It is requested that the levy of the duty may be extended to outlying villages also.

*Dewan's reply.*—This cannot be helped. Octroi may be levied only within Municipal limits.

**Subject No. 217.**

Grazing rights on land granted for Gold Mining purposes.

*Summary of discussion.*—Under the verbal orders of the late Dewan, raiyats were allowed to graze their cattle on the lands leased out for Gold Mining purposes in the Bowringpet Taluk. The enjoyment of this privilege has been interfered with in the current year by the Gold Mining Companies. It is requested that the privilege may be continued as heretofore.

*Dewan's reply.*—The lands belong to the Gold Miners to whom they have been granted. The grass thereon belongs to them also, they are expected to have compensated the villagers for interference with existing grazing rights if any.

**Subject No. 218.**

Drinking water-supply for Bowringpet Town.

*Summary of discussion.*—Much difficulty is experienced in respect of drinking water at Bowringpet, and the excavation of wells will not meet this want, as no springs of sweet water can be tapped. The Doddakere attached to the town is the chief source of drinking water to the towns people. It has a revenue of Rs. 200, of which Rs. 100 is derived from wet and the rest from garden lands. The discontinuance of wet cultivation under the tank is necessary for the proper supply of water to the people all round the year as the present supply lasts only 7 months.

*Dewan's reply.*—Represent to Deputy Commissioner who will report to Government if necessary.

**Subject No. 219.**

Tolls on traffic to and from the Gold Mines.

*Summary of discussion.*—A large number of loaded carts are passing daily on the Betamangala road on account of the extensive traffic between the Railway Station and the Gold Fields. It is recommended that a toll may be levied on the carts for the benefit of the Municipality which will derive from this source an income of Rs. 20 or 30 per diem.

*Dewan's reply.*—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 220.

One-fourth of Local Fund receipts should be allotted for village roads.

*Summary of discussion.*—The local cess levied at one anna in the rupee is at present spent on high roads without any advantage to the villagers paying the tax. It is therefore requested that at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the realizations from the cess may be exclusively utilized for village roads, wells and sanitation in the taluks in which the same is collected.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted. It is not a fact that the main roads are of no use to villagers.

Subject No. 221.

Settlement of Chau-tayi remission of assessment of lands below private tanks.

*Summary of discussion.*—The question of granting a remission of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the assessment on lands situated under private tanks in the taluk has not yet been settled. It is requested that an early settlement of the matter may be ordered.

*Dewan's reply.*—The work devolves on the Survey Department and they are doing it. Early settlement will be ordered.

Subject No. 222.

Assessment of land irrigated from Dasavandam wells.

*Summary of discussion.*—Lands irrigated from Dasavandam wells constructed at private cost have, during the Survey Settlement, been assessed at full rates. It is requested that the Dasavandamdars may be allowed a remission of  $\frac{1}{4}$  assessment as the restorers of private tanks have been.

*Dewan's reply.*—Favorable orders will soon issue.

Subject No. 223.

Local Cess for Taluk local purposes.

*Summary of discussion.*—Expenditure of the Local Cess should be confined to works in the taluks in which the same is collected.

*Dewan's reply.*—Yes. As far as possible.

Subject No. 224.

Disposal of portions of Survey numbers resigned.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is proposed that when a survey field is held jointly by two or more persons, the portion absolutely relinquished by one of them may be treated as Government waste without compelling the remaining occupants to take up the same.

*Dewan's reply.*—Sections XXVI and XXVII of the Land Revenue Rules make ample provision on this subject.

Subject No. 225.

Tank water for garden cultivation.

*Summary of discussion.*—Certain garden lands depending for irrigation solely on wells in them are situated under tanks and have on that account been recorded in the survey papers as dependent on both wells and tanks. Thereby owners of these gardens claim the privilege, not enjoyed by them before, of using the tank water to the prejudice of the wet lands depending on the tanks. It is therefore requested that the necessary alteration may be ordered to be made in the survey papers or the cultivators of gardens prohibited from taking tank water for lands which never had it before.

*Dewan's reply.*—In all such cases the mamool is the rule and should be observed.